

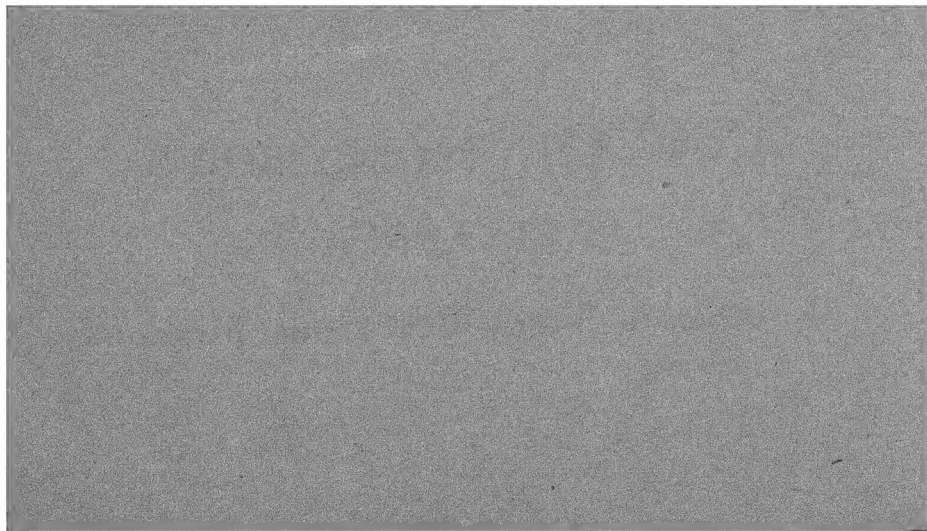
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MY DEAR SIR :—

TORONTO, January, 1902.

Since the accompanying circular was prepared and printed, our dear brother, Dr. Robertson, has passed away. This circular is, therefore, his last appeal upon behalf of the work which he so greatly loved, and for which he gave his life.

However greatly we mourn his loss—and it will be keenly felt all over the Church—we have confidence that the work will not be permitted to suffer, and that we will be wisely guided in the selection of his successor. We are equally confident that all who loved the man will continue to aid the work, even more generously than heretofore, knowing how much he gave and toiled on its behalf. From those unable to contribute the full amount—\$250 per annum—necessary for the support of a missionary, smaller contributions will be gratefully received.

Yours faithfully, ROBT. H. WARDEN.

PRESBYTERIAN OFFICES.

CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING,

TORONTO, January, 1902.

DEAR SIR :—

The Home Mission and Augmentation Committees of the Church are greatly embarrassed in the prosecution of their work by the lack of an adequate revenue. But for a contribution of \$13,579, from Britain, and a special collection from our own Church, the Committees would have closed the past year \$20,000 in debt.

THE
OUTLOOK

just now is not cheering ; the fund being upwards of \$50,000 in debt. The receipts for 1901 are less than for 1900 at this date, and yet the liabilities for this year—owing to extensions in New Ontario and the West—are higher. The grants promised last Spring are \$25,000 above the normal revenue of last year.

THE Missions are increasing at the rate of 23 per cent.
EXPLANATION: and revenue only 10 per cent. Last year Ontario and
Quebec gave about 20 cents per communicant, to plant
and maintain missions and augmented congregations in Western Canada.

THE Last year, from 70,000 to 80,000 settlers found a home
NEED: in the West, and the immigration of 1902 is expected
to reach 125,000, if not 150,000. From the United
States, Eastern Canada, Britain and the continent of Europe, they come.
If the foreigners are not educated and made loyal, they are sure to
prove a menace to the free play of popular government. If not evangelized
and brought up to our moral level, they are sure to drag us down to theirs.
This, we cannot afford; our ideals and conduct are not high enough now.
At present, about 100,000 English-speaking settlers in the West are without

ordinances, and a large mass of foreigners in the same sad plight. Of Slavs alone, 50,000 are like sheep without a shepherd, and their children are without schools. These foreigners are receiving accessions from Europe every year, and the birth-rate among them is high. Neglected, what shall the harvest be?

CENSUS

FIGURES:

During the last decade, the population east of the great Lakes increased 190,000; west, 310,000. Ontario loses five members of parliament, the West gets them. The rural population has been steadily diminishing in Ontario since 1861. The increase of 60,000 in Algoma, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing and Renfrew, alone saved Ontario from a decrease. The centre of population in the Dominion is steadily shifting westward. After the census of 1911, the West is likely to hold the balance of power. If the electors

are largely Mormons, miners and foreigners, is there not peril if the work of the missionary and schoolmaster are suspended?

**ENCOURAGE-
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are many. During the past ten years, the population of the West increased 83 per cent.; the adherents of the Presbyterian Church increased 187 per cent., and her communicants, 168 per cent. Missions and augmented congregations are becoming self-supporting every year;—about twenty are supposed to go off the lists next Spring, and become helpers in the general work of the Church.

For work done in the Kootenay and Klondike, the Church has been highly commended—even by Roman Catholics. Missionaries have been a saving salt where drinking, carnality and gambling hold high carnival.

Past success is a potent plea for aggressiveness. The respect in the West for law and order is largely due to missionary effort.

REMEDY. A larger revenue is imperative ;—Whence is it to come? Not from Britain ; her people will not give it, because they think Canada abundantly able to support her own home missions. Nor, with the means at our disposal, should we ask Britain for money.

The general contributions are rising, but too slowly for the present emergency ; hence, an appeal is made to the wealthier members of the Church to contribute specially for a few years. In addition to the contributions of the people connected with a Mission, \$250 will support one missionary. To many, in these prosperous times, \$250 is a mere bagatelle. Scores

of our people could give this amount, and not a few could double, or even quadruple it, and not feel pinched.

Several have been appealed to already, and they have promptly and generously responded. Two members in Chalmers Church, Quebec, give \$250 each; five in Knox Church, Ottawa; six in St. Andrew's, Ottawa. Three in the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, give \$500 each, and another, \$375; one in Crescent Street gives \$250; one in Smith's Falls, \$250; one in St. Andrew's, Peterborough, \$250; one in Brockville, \$500; one in Central Church, Toronto, \$250; and Westminster congregation, Toronto, undertakes to support five—\$1,250; a gentleman in Paris, \$250, and his wife, \$250; two in Central Church, Hamilton, \$250 each. And more are considering the matter. But we require for present needs, one hundred special contributions of \$250. Will you please come to our help in this way? You are asked as a Canadian and a Christian, as a lover of

Canada, of your fellowmen, and, especially, of Jesus Christ. His religion has raised us where we are, and by His grace alone, whether as men or as a nation, can we hope to stand.

Will you kindly consider this matter, and notify Dr. Warden as early as you conveniently can. The Church year closes on 28th February, and it will be of very great service to the cause if you could forward the money before then. Should it not be convenient to forward the full amount within the time named, one-half might be sent now, and the balance later. Soliciting the favor of a reply at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

ROBT. H. WARDEN,

Convener, Home Mission Committee.

JAS. ROBERTSON,

Superintendent of Western Missions.

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